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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment 08/08/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to application 09/776,735 and Amendment filed on 08/08/2005. Claims 1-4 and 6-15 remain pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Claim 1:

lines 10, replace "a dimension" with – the dimension --.

3. Claim 8:

lines 10, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 11, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

lines 15, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 15, replace "edge of a" with – edge of the --;

lines 16, replace "an overlying metal line" with – the overlying metal line --;

lines 18, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

lines 24, replace "a via" with – the via --.

4. Claim 12:

lines 14, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 15, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

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lines 19, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 19, replace "edge of a" with – edge of the --;

lines 20, replace "an overlying metal line" with – the overlying metal line --;

lines 22, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

lines 28, replace "a via" with – the via --.

5. Claim 13:

lines 13, replace "a dimension" with – the dimension --.

6. Claim 14:

lines 12, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 13, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

lines 17, replace "a metal line" with – the metal line --;

lines 17, replace "edge of a" with – edge of the --;

lines 18, replace "an overlying metal line" with – the overlying metal line --;

lines 20, replace "an adjacent metal line" with – the adjacent metal line --;

lines 26, replace "a via" with – the via --.

7. Claim 15:

lines 12, replace "a dimension" with – the dimension --.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are allowed over prior art of record.

9. Considered arguments supplied by Applicant in the Amendment and remarks on 08/08/2005 as persuasive.

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10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naum B. Levin whose telephone number is 571-272-1898. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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